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## GE FAVORS FARM BUREAU

Sentiment Expressed at Meeting—Excellent Dinner and Splendid Literary Program Rendered.

Columbia County Pomona held its third quarterly meeting at the Beaver Homes hall near Goble, August 7th. The part of the meeting was devoted to work of reports and the Beaver Homes Grange for the occasion maintained its reputation for good feed. They served a big chicken dinner and admitted also that the guests, notably those who are unused to Grange made quite a reputation for themselves. At least they carried out the program for the evening. Especially was this noticed by Sherman Miles and Charles

who participated in the literary program of the afternoon session. W. J. A. in commenting on this arrangement of the county fair, and the county fair, and make it an annual display of the ability as well as a good livestock.

W. J. A. Wier, Sherman Miles and Agent Flippin of St. Helens, Mr. Norman Merrill of the phases of the logged off land. This is a topic of interest to all the people of the county, and it is safe to expect that the program for the evening will be a success.

which calling for a plan of the produce of the farms, and by A. L. Morris, was the main feature of the evening. It was that marketing problems exist in this county alone, prevailing opinion was that the work done by various means, where they are in operation, has been the most successful. The question in this county is whether to have a marketing board or a marketing association. A number of the Oregon have excellent examples at the present time. All the counties have agents are planning the formation of such an organization.

The National Federation of Farmers is working on a plan of the present time. Their recommendations will be followed out here. This is to come up again at the time if the Pomona fair committee selected makes

any for Powder Use. It is arranged that a survey of the county should be made under the direction of the Grange, to determine the amount of powder that is profitably used in land work. Orders for this powder will be pooled into one large lot, and a considerable saving in cost effected. It will also be so that credit amounting to several months or two years interest will be at the farmers' disposal, and this will be a great help to them. The part of the evening spent on business matters of several days members had a lively session.

## EATTORNEY RULES DOG IS PETERSON'S

Hazen's ambition to own a dog has been blunted, or at least momentarily checked. The attorney for himself a pup but at this particular time declared himself out of the dog.

A month ago a man named Peterson was brought before Judge on a charge of hunting deer season, for which offense he was fined \$125 and a dog in his possession at the time was confiscated in his state. Later L. V. Peterson instituted suit against the dog for the recovery of the dog. The dog was his and not Peterson's. The dog was put up to the attorney who ruled that Peterson was the dog's owner. Thus ended the dog trouble.

## NCILMAN O'CONNER RESIGNS HIS OFFICE

O'Conner, councilman, has resigned his office and if the resignation is accepted, it is expected that the resignation will be accepted.

O'Conner has bought an interest in a business here and feels that he must leave the time to look after his affairs and do justice to the business and his own.

## LOCALS DEFEATED IN FAST GOOD GAME

Visitors Capture Snappy Game By Score of 7 to 1

The Columbia Park team of Portland defeated St. Helens on the home lot Sunday in a rattling good game. The score was 7 to 1. The visitors made five of their scores in the fourth frame, when they bunched hits off of Richardson's delivery and aided by a wild throw, the runs clattered across the platter.

In the sixth frame the visitors were called to bat and the visitors gathered only three hits off of his delivery, one of them being a scratch. Notwithstanding the one-sided score, the game was fast and snappy and interesting and neither side marred the score sheet by making many errors, and the batters did not fatten their batting average to any great extent.

St. Helens has a well rounded aggregation of fast ball players and can be counted on to give a good exhibition of the national pastime. Go to see them play next time and encourage them in their endeavor to give St. Helens a ball team worth while.

## LOGGED OFF LANDS PROBLEM STUDIED

Banker Miles Goes to Seattle to Gather First-Hand Information on Subject of Material Interest to Columbia County Citizens.

Sherman M. Miles left Saturday for Seattle and during the week he has been in attendance at a conference of leading authorities favorable to the development of Oregon and Washington, seeking to arrive at some practical solution of the logged off land question.

Before leaving for the Sound Mr. Miles said "I realize that the logged off land problem is one of the big problems which confront Columbia county and that the development of this logged off land means further growth of our county and its resources, and I want to learn all I possibly can in the matter, so that I may be in better position to help the county in this problem. Our timber is being cut and unless we develop the logged off land, the resources of our county will diminish instead of increasing and some method must be found whereby our agricultural interests will take the place of our timber resources."

Mr. Miles expects to return to St. Helens tomorrow or next day and has promised to give the Mist an account of what transpired at the conference.

## DID THE COUNCIL ADJOURN FOR MONTH?

When the city council adjourned the night of August 3rd, did they adjourn for 30 days? That is the question which has aroused considerable discussion. Councilman Dixon claims he made the motion to adjourn for 30 days, the motion was duly seconded and put by the mayor and carried. The mayor is positive that the 30-day proposition was not mentioned. Recorder Quick informed the Mist that the council did adjourn for 30 days, but the minutes of the meeting do not show it.

The matter came up Monday night when Mayor Saxon and Councilman Dixon were the lone representatives of the city government at what should have been a council meeting.

## LOOK OUT FOR THE SPEED COP

You auto drivers that like to burn up the road at 35 or 40 miles per hour had better be on the lookout for the county's new speed cop and he's on the job. He is not working on a 50-50 basis, either, but the county is paying him a straight monthly salary to grab the speed fiends. Sunday he started to work and brought in three autoists who were burning it up between Delena and Rainier. The speed cop is H. W. Weigle and he is on the job most all the time and anywhere from the Multnomah county line to Clatskanie. The state law says 30 miles per hour, so better keep a watch on the speedometer and also be on the lookout for the cop.

## MRS. McCORMICK BUYS MUCKLE PROPERTY

A real estate deal which is the largest made in St. Helens in some time was consummated this week when Mrs. H. E. McCormick bought from William Muckle the property at the corner of Columbia and Cowitz streets. The deal includes, also, the Muckle residence and the consideration is said to have been in the neighborhood of \$10,000.

## FEW FOREST FIRES IN THE NEHALEM

P. A. Dixon, supervising fire warden in the Nehalem valley, was in St. Helens Tuesday. He states that there have been very few forest fires out that way and all of them were put out before any damage was done. Most of the fires were caused by sparks from slashings. One fire which was on the hill near the Big Eddy was caused, Mr. Dixon thought, from campers or hunters.

## Old Council Ousted; New Officials Elected

No Quorum Appearing Monday Night Citizens Declare All Offices Vacant and Elect New Set of Officers—Much Business Is Transacted.

No quorum was present Monday night, hence there was no regular meeting of the city council. Mayor Saxon and Councilman Dixon were on the job and Dixon finally departed homeward, leaving the mayor in undisputed control.

There was quite a gathering of citizens present, however, to listen to the council's deliberations and when it became evident that there was to be no meeting, said citizens took the law into their own hands and by a unanimous vote declared all of the city offices vacant and elected a new set of officers.

The new officers were: Al. Lake, mayor; Duke Wellington, L. J. Van Orshoven, S. C. Morton and Ed. Veazie, councilmen; Geo. Gore, marshal, and former Mayor Saxon, city attorney. The new officers immediately got down to business.

The first business to come before the new council was a complaint by Bill Ketel of West St. Helens that boys were going in swimming in Milton creek clad only in their birthday clothes. Mayor Lake appointed Ketel official swimming supervisor—with full authority to inspect and pass on one-piece bathing suits. Upon motion of Councilman Wellington an appropriation was made to purchase twenty-five Bull Durham to



bacco sacks to be used as swimming suits. This action was taken upon recommendation of City Attorney Saxon who assured the members of the council that he had personally seen Bull Durham sacks in action as suits. Councilman Morton rose to a point of information. He wanted to know how many sacks constituted a suit. Councilman Wellington answered his colleague's question by pointing out the spectacle a bather would present with a string of sacks around him.

The time worn question of dilapidated sidewalks was brought to the attention of the august body by Councilman Veazie. Marshal Gore was called on for a report on what he had accomplished in the way of having repairs made. The marshal said he had been pounding the property owners on the back bone, but that was about as far as he had gone in the matter. The dilapidated walks continued to dilapidate. Councilman VanOrshoven offered a motion that the walks be condemned. Mayor Lake ruled the motion out of order on the grounds that the walks had been condemned twenty-five years ago and could see no good sense in condemning something that was already out of use. Wellington suggested that the marshal have a little more time and send out some more notices.

The island in the Columbia opposite the city dock was a subject of



much animated discussion among the members. Mayor Lake reported that a homestead filing had been made on the island, whereupon Morton wanted to know by what right anybody had to file on that island after the city had gone to the expense of creating it. On motion the council declared the homestead filing null and void and the marshal was instructed to notify the homesteader to vacate.

It was then decided to make a beach resort of the island and much discussion ensued on the development needed. VanOrshoven sug-

gested that a 12-inch water main be laid across the narrow channel to the beach, so that shower baths could be provided and the beach sprinkled. It was also thought a good idea to locate the missing doors from the both houses at Columbia beach and install them on the new beach. Means of getting to and from the beach were thoroughly discussed. A decision was finally arrived at to build a lift bridge. The council also appropriated money to build a light house, and as a reward for his faithful attendance at previous council meetings and his indefatigable work in behalf of the city, former Mayor keeper. Mayor Lake pointed out that by building a lift bridge and appointing Saxon light house keeper he could be marooned on the island by always keeping the bridge lifted. Lake said he didn't want any Saxon dynasty lurking around plotting his dethronement.

Wellington offered a resolution, which was adopted making all streets on the beach sixteen feet wide and no sidewalks. A suggestion was also made that sunken gardens be put on the new beach. Wellington objected to this on the ground that it would detract from his sunken garden on Nob Hill.

Streets Sixteen Feet Wide The street question also had its inning. The council finally decided to declare all streets closed, abrogated, null and void and unavailable for use and require all property owners to move their buildings out sufficiently to create sixteen foot streets without sidewalks. Wellington, in an impassioned speech, pointed out to his fellow members that such a course would do away with the trials and tribulations that beset the council in the matter of bad sidewalks. By legislating sidewalks out of business they wouldn't have them to worry about.

Councilman Veazie called the attention of the council to the fact that Tom White, the county coroner, was out of town and left no one to look after the dead ones. White was promptly removed and the office declared vacant. Mayor Lake appointed John Dateman to the position of coroner and the appointment was ratified by the council.

As Bill Ketel had been appointed swimming supervisor, it occurred to the council that Bill may get extra busy inspecting one-piece suits, so it was deemed advisable that a swimming pool guard be also appointed. H. S. Mason was appointed to this position. Both appointments are contingent on the appointees wearing the regulation Bull Durham suits.

Councilman VanOrshoven, the well known silver tongued and spell binding orator of Nigger Creek, advocated the proposition of creating a camping ground on one end of the new island beach. He proposed the purchase of a few hydroplanes to transport the campers and their autos across from the mainland. The council adopted the suggestion and passed a resolution to defray the ex-



pense incident thereto by popular subscription. Mayor Lake headed the list with \$5000 and each councilman promptly doubled and quadrupled the amount. John Dateman, H. F. McCormick and T. B. Lott were appointed as a committee to raise the money for the hydroplanes and set out some trees on the camp ground site.

All members of the new city official family are well known and ably qualified to fill their respective offices. Mayor Lake is not unused to handling the steam roller in the executive chair. He is a former president of the city council. Councilman Wellington, while new in the capacity of city official, is an executive officer of rare ability. While serving Uncle Sam in the navy he was frequently sole and executive commander of as high as 15,000 men at one and the same time. Councilman Veazie is a young man of sterling worth and integrity. He has never before held a city office, but in view of the fact that he is one of the court house gang immediately qualifies him for anything he wants to tackle. Councilman VanOrshoven is one of the defunct city officials, having held the office of city engineer under the old regime. Being yet a young man, his friends felt that he should have a chance to reform—hence his election to the new council. Councilman Morton has had experience as an official of the city, having previously served in both the capacity of mayor and councilman.

The new council will meet in regular session Monday night. On motion it was decided to allow the former council and mayor to attend the meetings and act in an advisory capacity, but not to have concurrent jurisdiction.

Note—The extreme modesty in the other two councilmen in having their pictures appear in print, makes their omission necessary.

## SPECIAL PRIZES FOR FAIR EXHIBITS

Local Business Men Make Special Offerings for Displays

Considerable interest is being manifested in the county fair to be held next month. In addition to the large number of regular premiums offered, there will be many special prizes given by individuals and firms, which in turn will spur the exhibitor to put forth his best displays.

The following special prize offers have been handed in: Secretary Wilkerson of the fair board, which no doubt will be largely augmented before the opening day of the fair:

For the best display of agricultural products grown on cut-over land, settled on during the last five years, a premium of lumber to the value of \$45 by St. Helens Lumber company.

Best box of packed apples, exhibit or to reside north and west of Goble, a premium of \$5 by A. L. Morris.

Best box of Gravenstein apples, premium of \$5 by J. T. Scott.

Best box of Baldwin apples, premium of one dozen photographs by J. T. Scott.

Best peck of potatoes grown in Nehalem valley, premiums of \$3 for first and \$2 for second by Avon lodge, K. of P., St. Helens.

## LOCAL GASOLINE SHORTAGE RELIEVED

Local Garage Dealers Ship in Big Car Tank of Gasoline From Oklahoma—Supply of 8000 Gallons—Gasoline for Everybody.

Tuesday suppressed excitement throbbed in the breast of every owner of a gas wagon, from the one-lung driver on up to the big twin six, when the word was passed around that a tank car of gasoline had arrived for the Copeland and Fieldhouse companies.

The car was brought in from the main line to the track on Columbia street and the rush for the precious fluid started. Almost anything that would hold gasoline, including the family teakettle, was pressed into service. Auto tanks were quickly filled and cans were likewise filled and loaded into the car for emergency. Some of the boys are said to have hurriedly emptied their moonshine and had the bottles filled with gas, but the Mist is inclined to discredit this part of the story.

For once anyway St. Helens was surfeited with gasoline and no limit was placed on the amount each individual might buy. He could go the limit of his bank account or pocket book.

This is a car long delayed in transit from Oklahoma. The Copeland and Fieldhouse companies ordered some weeks ago. It has broken the back of the gasoline shortage in this locality for a time at least, and Copeland and Fieldhouse are being commended for their enterprising spirit. The tank contained 8000 gallons.

## OREGON EDITORS MEET AT ASTORIA

Some 175 editors of the daily and weekly papers of Oregon are in Astoria today attending the annual session of the Oregon State Editorial Association. The people of Astoria have arranged a fine program of entertainment which includes rides about the city and country, a trip to sea, dances and a banquet. Sunday the editors and their families will go to Seaside for a big clam bake.

The business part of the program is complete and noted newspaper men will be in attendance, among them Piper of the Oregonian, Irvine of the Journal and Morrison of the Telegram. President Ingalls, the brilliant editor of the Corvallis Gazette-Times and E. E. Brodie, editor of the Oregon City Enterprise and vice-president of the National Editorial Association are also on the program.

S. C. Morton, Mrs. Morton, Marion, Virginia, and S. C. Morton, Jr., left Thursday evening for Astoria to attend the conference and Associate Editor J. M. Cummins will leave tonight, so the Mist will be well represented at the conference meet.

## WORK STARTS ON CATHOLIC CHURCH

The contract for the concrete and masonry work for the new Catholic church has been let to Ed Ketel who has assembled his materials and supplies to start work. Jack McKie is doing the excavation of the rock for the basement and furnace bed.

Father Clancy's father, who is a Portland contractor, will do the frame work on the edifice at a cost plus contract and he is ready to proceed when the foundation and masonry work is far enough advanced to permit.

The church will cost in the neighborhood of \$13,000 and when completed, will be an ornament to the city.

## WILL LEAVE FOR CALIFORNIA VIA AUTO

W. B. Dillard and sons Walden and Masen plan to leave St. Helens Sunday for a trip to California. They will make the trip via auto and follow the coast route. In Northern California they will hunt deer as the deer season is now open there. Returning to Oregon about September 15th, they plan to come via Eastern Oregon and hunt in the Deschutes forests and fish along the rivers.

## IRON PROSPECTS CREATES STIR

Iron Mine Prospects in Columbia County Creates Business for County Clerk—Outside Residents Make Large Number of Filings.

Discovery of iron ore in Columbia county is creating more than passing interest and development work already done points to the early erection of a reduction plant.

Outside capital has interested itself to the extent of putting prospectors in the field and these men have been working along in a quiet way for some weeks in prospect work. What they have really discovered, however, is so far carefully concealed under their hats.

The facts remain that large bodies of "bog" iron ore have been discovered and if it can be worked at a profit it will certainly be to Columbia county's advantage. There is said to be an area of the stuff almost unlimited in quantity and if the quality is there another industry of value is added to our county.

More or less quartz locations have been filed in the county clerk's office in the past two months, but the climax of location filings was made last Tuesday when 126 notices of location were placed on file by Hattie B. Lawrence on behalf of 126 different persons. And it is not a spasm of excitement by residents of the county rushing into the mining game, as the names on all of the notices filed are new to this county and with a possible few exceptions are all outsiders as far as being residents of the county.

Approximately 2526 acres are covered by the notices filed in the clerk's office and the filing fees amounted to \$138.70, the largest day's business along this line Clerk Hunt has had in many months. A claim covers a fraction over twenty acres.

## WE'LL TELL THE WORLD IT WAS SOME HOT

Yes we started to tell you it was hot, but we won't do it, for Ed. Murphy of the Deer Island Logging company drove down from Portland just at noon time Thursday and he had a puncture—we mean a tire was punctured on his car and he had to change tires and he said (among other things) that out there in the dust around Honeyman's it was "hot as Helena without the ena." Now Murphy is a slender built man, wears Palm Beach suits and ordinarily keeps cool at all times, but Murphy says it was hot, and we believe him.

John Philip also said it was hot—just around noon the thermometer on his cool front porch told him it lacked six degrees of being an even 100. Clyde Sutherland, Dr. Hoskins, Jack Ramsey, Ham McCormick, J. H. Hutchinson and others who usually dress in the height of fashion, throw away coats and vests and discarded collars and ties, and looked for shady places.

Very few women were on the streets, presumably for the reason that it was more comfortable to stay at home and—be comfortable. Before the sun set, the temperature reached 96 which was a record for this year and reminded Mrs. Iva Russell of Oklahoma.

## BOOSTS OREGON STATE FAIR

C. D. Clancy of Salem was in St. Helens Tuesday enroute to Astoria. He had a supply of state fair posters and distributed them around St. Helens. Mr. Clancy says the fair this year is going to be better than ever before. He is a florist in the city and naturally is interested in the floral exhibits. Heretofore there have been many exhibits by professional florists, he said, but this year the fair management is making a special effort to have a variety of floral displays by amateur growers, and he is anxious that the St. Helens ladies send in some exhibits. Full information may be obtained by writing to the state fair board.

## SERVICE COMMISSION LOOKS OVER ROADS

The public service commission is in St. Helens today and in conjunction with the county court will go over the Milton Creek logging railroad and the road going into the Nehalem valley.

The county court deemed it necessary that the county road crossings on these two roads have some attention looking to the safety of the general public in crossing the railroads. The matter was put up to the public service commission and the trip over the two roads will probably bring some relief in the way of making the crossings safer for the traveling public.

## BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETS IN SEPT.

The assessor's office is a bee hive of industry just now getting the assessment rolls in shape for the board of equalization, which will meet Monday, September 13th, for the purpose of examining the rolls and hearing complaints, if any, from taxpayers not satisfied with the assessment as levied against their property.

Assessor Blakesley and his assistants are busy going over the rolls and segregating them in proper order for the board's ready inspection.